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Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1909

A. F. DAVIES,
Manager. [56]

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Hongkong, 20th September, 1909. [655]

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SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, NAG SAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"BULOW"..... Capt. F. Prosch.....	WEDNESDAY, 15th December.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"..... Capt. D. Lenz.....	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., Daylight.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"..... Capt. F. Sembill.....	Middle of December.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1900.

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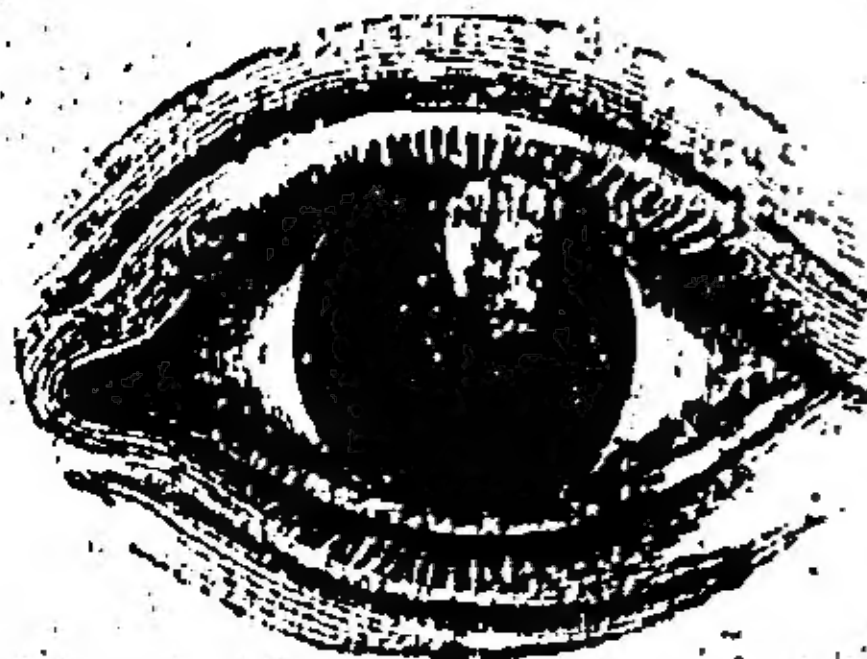
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Hongkong, 19th November, 1900.

Intimation.

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Hongkong, 26th March 1901

Intimations.

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Docking Length 515 ft.
Width of Entrance ... 80 ft.
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Yokohama, April 28th, 1903.

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DRAGON CYCLE DEPOT,

33 and 35, Des Voeux Road,

Hongkong, 1st September

BULLION.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co.'s Circular, dated London, Nov. 18, contains the following:—

Gold.—The price of bar gold was unchanged at 77s 9d. p. oz. std. With the exception of a considerable amount reserved for India the arrivals—about £650,000—were sold to the Bank of England.

The effect desired by the Bank, when it raised the official rate to 5 per cent, has at length been produced, and during the week the influx reached the substantial total of £1,655,000.

This total, satisfactory as it is, does not represent the sole relief to the market; for, in addition, New York has been shipping considerable sums of gold direct to South America.

The small amount of bills offered by the India Council will doubtless lead to the shipment of sovereigns to India; in fact, it is more than likely that some will go this week.

Silver.—On the whole, notwithstanding a drop of 1d. on the 15th since partially recovered, the market has been steady in character.

China continues to sell at any improvement in price, but will not allow the opportunity to pass of re-purchasing at a fair profit. This condition of affairs is likely to continue until the Chinese New Year, about which time India will be in possession of the proceeds of an unusually bountiful harvest, a certain proportion of which will probably be invested in silver.

Last week's steadiness was assisted by Continental purchases.

In the brief space of six weeks, the amount of silver held by the Imperial Bank of Germany, has declined £1,154,150.

India reports a daily off take of 120 bars, and it is considered probable that the upcountry demand is on the increase.

The large shipment of about £482,000 last week, exercises little direct influence, being practically a transfer from the London Stock to that of Bombay, where the silver will be in closer touch with the Eastern markets.

Lately China has been buying in Bombay, and such purchases have a natural tendency to approximate the price in India, to the parity of London's quotation.

A shipment of £35,000 has been made from San Francisco to the Far East.

Intimations.

"SOLIGNUM."

A PERFECT preservative stain for Wood, Stone, and Brickwork.

It protects against Decay, Fungus, Dry Rot, the Ravages of Insects and Vermin (especially the wood ant) and the action of the weather.

"Solignum" really does what is claimed for it, as may be seen from the testimonials of the Governments of India, the Sultan, &c.

In Drums and Barrels of various colours. Prospectus and all further information from

SIEMSEN & CO.,
(Machinery Dept.) Hongkong,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1900.

JUST LANDED:

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"Bisquit Dubouche
& Co."Per Bot.
XXX Very Old Fine \$2.50V.O.C.B. Guaranteed 20 Years.
Old 5.50QUINQUINA?
QUINQUINA?

DUBONNET?

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Sole Agent.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1900.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask
ex Factory.In Bags of 50 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag
ex Factory.SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1900.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor School, who are taught by the Sisters.

Freetown, 1st April, 1901.

A FATHER FORECAST AND
STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED
FROM THE HONGKONG
OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Teui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

- Signal No.
1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
 2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
 3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
 4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
 5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
 6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
 7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
 8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock.	Aberdeen.
Waglan.	Sau Ki Wan.
Stanley.	Sai Kung.
Cape Collinson.	Sau Tau Kok.
	Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal from the Light House.

F. G. FROST,
Director.

17th Dec. 1900.

Powell's

Xmas

Bazaar

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OPEN.

POWELL'S

ALEXANDRA

BUILDINGS.

and

28, Queen's Road.

Hongkong 6th December, 1900.

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

MR. P. THOMAS having been appointed AGENT for the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES and the CHARGEURS REUNIS at Hongkong, takes charge of the above Companies' Agency from this date.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1900. [827]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW,
the 15th December, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,
**SUNDRY VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**
Comprising—

SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS, BOOKCASES, TEAKWOOD SIDE-BOARDS and DINING WAGGONS with BEVELLED GLASS, WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLE and WASHSTAND with BEVELLED GLASS, HATSTAND, Double and Single BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTADS with WIRE and RATTAN MATTRESSES, CARPETS, GLASS, CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE, BRASS and IRON FENDERS, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS;

ALSO

One COTTAGE PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1900. [831]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
FRIDAY,
the 17th December, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,
**SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.**
(Particulars from Catalogue).
TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1900. [837]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
SATURDAY,
the 18th December, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,
A Varied Assortment of XMAS TOYS;
ALSO
**A Few Lots of LACE CURTAINS and
JEWELRY.**
(Particulars from Catalogue).
On view on Friday p.m.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1900. [838]

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at corner of Shin Hing Street and Hollywood Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements (Approximate).	Area in Acres.	Area in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1.	At corner of Shin Hing Street and Hollywood Road.	18' 6" x 18' 6" x 38' 6" x 38' 6"	1/4	10,890	8	431

Hongkong, 11th December, 1900. [832]

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OFFICES and ROOMS on the 2nd Floor of No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. Shawan, Tong & Co.).
Apply to—
THE COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT,
E. D. Sassoon & Co.,
Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1900. [828]

TO LET.

IN No. 6, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL,
One Godown.
In No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices.
ROOMS in College Chambers, No. 31, WYNDHAM STREET.

Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1900. [828]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, PRAYA, Kennedy Town.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1900. [730]

TO LET.

NOS. 20 and 21, PRAYA, KENNEDY TOWN, two extensive two-storied semi-detached godowns, ground surface of cement concrete.
No. 14, Praya, Kennedy Town, one extensive two-storied godown.
All are in first class condition, suitable for storing Rice, Flour, &c.
Rents moderate.
Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1900. [762]

TO LET FURNISHED.

"TANTALLON," 126A, Barker Road. Rent \$25.00 per month. Seen by appointment only.
Apply to—
GODDARD & DOUGLAS,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [824]

TO LET

KING'S BUILDINGS, OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October, at present in occupation of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1900. [463]

TO LET.

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL. Immediate entry.
Apply to—
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1900. [408]

TO LET.

OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD, 3rd Floor,
No. 1, CLIFTON GARDENS, CONDUIT ROAD.
A HOUSE in WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD.
A HOUSE in RYAN TERRACE.
OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.
GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS, and No. 16, DES VOEUX ROAD next to the Hongkong Hotel.
FLATS in WYNDHAM TERRACE.
No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1900. [15]

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 5A, DUNDRELL STREET.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st June, 1900. [723]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG & CO.,
CABINET-MAKERS and ART DECORATORS, from Shanghai, has re-opened their
FURNITURE STORE
at
No. 39, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
The only Shop in Hongkong with this name

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order in any design required.
Have been patronized by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co., Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Firms and other leading Establishments in the Colony, to whom reference can be made as to the Superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, &c., supplied.
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as follows:—
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AN INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1900. [144]

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP HOARE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

Ningpo, December 6th.
In brilliant sunshine, and with the help and sympathy of many friends this Chapel was consecrated on Saturday last, December 4. It will be remembered that it was proposed to build a Chapel for the use of the students of the C.M.S. Training College in Ningpo, in memory of Bishop Hoare, its founder and first principal. The hope has now been realized through the kind help of many friends in England and in China, and the English Bishop in Chékiang, the Right Rev. Bishop Molony, performed the opening ceremony. The foundation stone was laid by the Bishop in torrents of rain on June 14 last, and the work is not yet fully completed, owing to many difficulties which have arisen, chiefly in consequence of the lamented death of the architect, Mr. B. H. Tarrant. However, the building was sufficiently advanced to allow of the opportunity being taken of the Diocesan Synod meeting in Ningpo to dedicate the Chapel. At 2.30 p.m. the College staff met Bishop Molony, supported by the Venerable the Archdeacon A. E. Moule and more than thirty clergy of his diocese, English and Chinese, at the door of the Chapel and requested him to dedicate the building to the service of God. Archdeacon Moule then opened the door and the procession entered the Chapel, which was soon filled to its utmost capacity with visitors and students. The consecration service, which was wholly in Chinese, consisted of the reading of Psalm XXIV and prayer by the Bishop. After prayer the hymn "Christ is in our corner stone" was sung; and then the Bishop, conducted by the principal, and accompanied by the Archdeacon, proceeded to the Lectern, Reading Desk and Holy Table in order, offering appropriate prayer in each place. The congregation then knelt, and the Bishop offered a prayer, in which the whole building was consecrated for uses of Divine Service. Archdeacon Moule and the Rev. Y. K. Wong next delivered addresses, the Archdeacon in English and Chinese and Mr. Wong in Chinese, chiefly in memory of the late Bishop and impressing the example of his life; the words of Scripture "They glorified God in me" and "For My sake and the Gospel's" were taken as the texts of the two addresses. The congregation then joined in the hymn, "Who are these in bright array" and all kneeling, the Bishop commemoated the honored and beloved founder—in the familiar and comprehensive words of the Communion Service. The Bishop then gave the blessing and the clergy and congregation left the Chapel, confident that the prayer which had been offered will receive an answer, and that from those who worship daily in this House of God there will never be wanting a succession of men who receive the divine call to glorify God as St. Paul did, and as Bishop Hoare did, by service of Christ in the Gospel.
Tea and refreshments were partaken of after the ceremony, and a photograph was taken.
The style of the building is a free treatment of late Gothic, and the fabric is of dressed Ningpo stone with brick and rough cast. The roof is of Chinese design surmounted by a small bell niche. There is a small chancel and a nave capable of seating 150 students with stalls for twelve masters. The building is lighted by electricity. There is to be a brass in the vestry in memory of Mr. B. H. Tarrant, and there are brasses in Chinese and English in memory of Bishop Hoare. The English inscription on the latter reads as follows:—
This Chapel is erected to the glory of God and in grateful memory of
JOSEPH CHARLES HOARE, D. D.
Son of the Canon Edward Hoare, of Tunbridge Wells, England. Educated at Tonbridge School and Trinity College, Cambridge. Called to missionary service, by the words on a memorial tablet to Henry Martyn, in Trinity Church, Cambridge. He joined the Ningpo Mission of the Church Missionary Society in 1876 and became the founder and first principal of this College. Appointed Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, in 1898. He with four Chinese student evangelists gave up his life in the waters of Hongkong harbour on the 18th of September 1900.
"A faithful man, able to teach others" 2 Tim 2.2.
"Ye are in our hearts to die together" 2 Cor. 13.
As the work is not fully completed and accounts have not all been settled, it is not possible to say that the Chapel is opened free of debt, but it is believed that very nearly the necessary amount has been received. There remain, however, several articles of furniture to be provided—such as a bell, communion vessels, an American organ, simple panelling for the wall of the East end, and vestry furniture, besides the necessary expenses connected with the surroundings, the making of paths and tarring, etc., so that the fund remains open for a time.—N.C. D. News.

THE BRITISH AND CHINESE CORPORATION.

The report states that the profits for the year ending June 30, 1900, amount to £14,345, which, added to £9,873 brought forward makes £24,218. The directors recommend a dividend of 10s. per share (10 per cent.) to be paid on 27th ult., free of income tax, leaving £17,719 to be carried forward. The directors regret to be unable to report the conclusion of any new business. The corporation is, however, interested in proposals which have been on foot for a considerable period for financing the construction of two important projected Chinese railways. After protracted negotiations, and when it was believed that all difficulties had been accommodated, a demand for participation in the business arose in an unexpected quarter. Negotiations connected with this claim have suspended the completion of the business and necessitated a re-arrangement of interests, concerning which it is hoped an understanding may be reached before long.

Intimations

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1900. [834]

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Hongkong, 24th November, 1900. [793]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "AMERIC."
FROM TACOMA, VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1900. [120]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLEDI."

FROM LEITH, MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1900. [826]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ SIGISMUND."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th of December, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th of December, at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 21st of December, 1900, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1900. [15]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, MOJI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1900. [835]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1900. [836]

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Hongkong, 15th July, 1909.

BIRTH.

On December 7, 1909, at Shanghai, the wife

of J. T. Ford, of daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On December 7, 1909, at Shanghai, Kenneth,

son of Stephen Watson, of R. Kennedy, to Kate

Alice, daughter of the late William Saker and

Mrs. Saker of Southsea, Hants.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1909

CANTON SELF-GOVERNMENT
SOCIETY.

By all appearances the last meeting of the Self-Government Society in Canton was of a very peaceable character and the members behaved themselves with that decorum and gravity which is expected of a body organized without any authority whatever, to discuss matters of national or civic import. If the officials of the Self-Government Society would abide by that attitude it is possible that in the future they might come to be recognized as a valuable source of unofficial opinion which could be drawn upon by the Provincial Government in times of difficulty not necessarily involving international questions. As a matter of fact we hold that it is pure impertinence on the part of a self-constituted society of progressives, we will call them, to seek to interfere in the foreign affairs of the Imperial Government. Such conduct is only calculated to lead to irritation on the part of all concerned, and to handicap the diplomatic doings of the Chinese Government. If the society were to confine its exertions solely to the material improvement of the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi it would have quite enough to do, without embroiling and handicapping the Provincial Government in outside squabbles. What, for instance, does the average Cantonese member, no matter how travelled and experienced in diplomatic ways, know about conditions in Manchuria at the present time? To those who have been studying the subject it would seem as if no two opinions which can be reconciled are yet forthcoming. And yet the Self-Government Society of Canton in its egotism and unblushing assurance would adopt the role of Imperial Censor and denounce the action of an official, although they can have no reasons, for that action before them by which they would form an

accurate and reasonable judgment. Now, such pretensions on the part of a number of private individuals are not only foolish but they are imbecile, to say nothing of their being subversive of good order and good government. As for the letters which had been received denouncing the President of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs—well, there are always grumblers and detractors, for it is a trait of human nature that it is always more ready to depreciate than to praise. And what was the result of this academic discussion at the meeting of the Self-Government Society held the other day at Canton? It was resolved to "telegraph to the Chinese residing in foreign countries asking them to submit joint telegraphic petitions to the Imperial Government to urge the dismissal of H. H. Liang Tun Yen from his post." All we can say about that idea is that the shareholders of the telegraph companies are not likely to object to such a practical scheme which will put money in their pockets. But it is a sorry waste of hard cash, and an absurd proceeding from start to finish. Once upon a time, there existed in Hongkong, and perhaps it still exists, a society known as the Parliamentary Debating Club, if we remember aright, at whose meetings members boldly set out to solve the financial, commercial and social questions of the Colony in a single night. It did not affect the matter that such financial problems as those of subsidiary coinage, excessive mintage of silver, and methods of raising fresh revenue were taxing the deepest thought of the Colony's most talented advisers, who had to confess that they could not in many cases arrive at a solution which would not adversely affect the general interests of the community. Our amateur politicians brushed aside difficulties as a housewife sweeps away cobwebs and settled everything to their own entire satisfaction in a couple of hours. Of course, it must have been all very amusing to the visitors and pleasant for the speakers to hear their resonant voices thundering out splendid periods about matters in regard to which they had formed definite and irrefragable opinions, but best of all, it harmed nobody. It humoured the young generation and the Government could afford to smile at the earnestness of the orators. But in the case of the Self-Government Society of Canton, although it cannot claim a higher status than that occupied by the debating society here, real mischief may be caused on account of its active meddlingness in matters which they cannot possibly comprehend. That they could do much good in a small way by leading public opinion in the direction of keeping the Government in touch with the people we do not doubt for an instant, but, as it is, their capacity for evil is infinitely greater as the tendency appears to be more pronounced in the latter direction. So far as we can make out the only legitimate subject touched upon by the Society at its recent meeting was that dealing with the salt monopoly of Kwangtung. If the members stuck to such subjects they would prove of invaluable assistance to the state but when they dive into abstruse questions of diplomatic concern they are likely to become a danger to the peace of the province as well as a public nuisance. There is in every enlightened community a place for a body of citizens qualified to express an intelligent opinion on current affairs, and the sooner the Self-Government Society recognizes that fact and limits its operations accordingly the better will it be for the members themselves and for Canton.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. A. M. E. VABBY, general merchant and commission agent, sends us a neat little pocket calendar for 1910.

BARON MUMM VON SCHWARTZENSTEIN, German Ambassador to Tokio, who has been on furlough in Europe, has returned in Japan.

MR. J. O. P. Bland arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday from Peking and, with Mrs. Bland, will remain there for several weeks (with a possible interval for an up-country trip) until their departure for England.

THE N. C. D. NEWS is informed that Mr. M. I. Collico, who is thirty-three years of age, was the oldest competitor in the recent walking competition at Shanghai, and will, therefore, take the prize given to the oldest competitor finishing within the time limit.

THE Korean Press raises various objections to the suggested amalgamation of Japan and Korea; and the matter arouses the derision of the Japanese papers at Seoul. The Korean Cabinet has decided to shelve the memorial dealing with the proposed amalgamation.

H.E. the Governor, accompanied by Capt. P. M. Taylor, A.D.C. and Sir Henry May, Colonial Secretary, this afternoon inspected members of the local Police Force, in the Police compound. The men were under the command of Capt. Bideley and there were also present Capt. F. W. Lyons and Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Deputy Superintendents. The various units comprising the Force were put through various forms of drill, including firing exercises and the handling of arms, and at the conclusion of the inspection the Governor praised the smart appearance of the men. His Excellency then inspected the Police buildings and shortly afterwards left the headquarters. We understand that this is the first annual inspection of the Force by H.E. the Governor.

N.D.L. "Prinz Ludwig."

FIRE ABOARD THE GERMAN MAIL.

CARGO OF SILK SMOULDERING.

At an early hour this morning the German mail steamer *Prinz Ludwig* arrived in port with fire on board. The N. D. L. steamer was on the homeward voyage and her last port of departure was Shanghai. The voyage down from the northern port was wholly uneventful. The *Prinz Ludwig* was signalled from Wagon at 6.30 a.m. and all was apparently well when the lighthouse was passed, but as soon as she swung round Blackhead's Point smoke was discovered issuing through the ventilator. It was then that the first indication was seen of fire being smouldering in the ship's hold. While the vessel was steaming against the wind, it is surmised that the breeze kept down the smoke, but no sooner did she round the Point than there was unmistakable evidence that some portion of the cargo had by some means or other become ignited. The discovery was made about 7.30 a.m. and without any loss of time the signal "NM"—"I am on fire"—was run up and with it the *Prinz Ludwig* steamed up to the German mail buoy.

THE FIRE LOCATED.

The energetic officers and crew of the mail boat at once proceeded to locate the seat of the fire which they traced to the No. 3 hold in which is stowed cargo to the extent of some fourteen hundred tons, three hundred tons of that quantity being raw silk; the rest of the cargo is made up of some sort of seed in bags, old iron and miscellaneous merchandise. This hatch extends right underneath the saloon, hence the difficulty experienced by the fire brigade and the naval contingent who are assisting in extinguishing the fire.

FIREFLOAT TO THE RESCUE.

As soon as the water police became apprised of the outbreak on board the German mail, the Central Station was at once communicated with. The information was passed on to the Fire Brigade Station. Without loss of time the men turned out under Deputy Superintendent P. P. J. Wodehouse and hastened to board the *Prinz Ludwig* on board the Colonial Government fireboat, which drew alongside the mailer about 8 a.m. Almost simultaneously the Admiralty's *Cherub* steamed to the assistance of the *Prinz Ludwig*. She too, had her contingent of firefighters from the Naval Yard.

LLOYD'S SURVEYOR SUMMONED.

As might have been expected Capt. Douglas, surveyor for the German concern for what is the equivalent of Lloyd's in England, was summoned by the local agents of the N. D. L. He, on behalf of the German registry, proceeded on board and conducted investigations also on behalf of the underwriters. Mr. John Lambert, Lloyd's surveyor in Hongkong, was also one of the first arrivals on board the *Prinz Ludwig*, and it is reasonable to conclude that Mr. Lambert will also have to draw up a report for submission to the ship's agents.

FIREFLOATS AT WORK.

The Colonial Government fireboat took up a position at the forward end of the bridge on the starboard side. With businesslike promptitude the brigade and the naval contingent started their powerful pumps going. The hatchway was opened and about twenty streams were soon at play pouring down great volumes of water into the smouldering hold. At the time of our representative's visit to the ship, there were probably no less than twenty hoses at play—about a dozen three-inch and 7 or 8 1/2-inch and 5-inch.

Owing to the nature of the cargo the fire is a smouldering one giving out absolutely no flames but a steady volume of smoke. Since the exact position where the fire originated among the hundreds of bales of silk could not be discovered, the firemen decided to flood the hold and in this task they experienced difficulty also. When a few hundred tons of water had been pumped into the hold, it was seen that the ship began to take a dangerous list to starboard, and the original plan of absolutely flooding the hold had to be temporarily stopped. Then the pumps had to be set into operation to discharge the water and so the ship righted again.

FIREMEN'S DIFFICULTIES.

The firemen's difficulties were further augmented by dense volumes of smoke which were ejected at times, positively blinding for a moment or two the men whose task at subduing the fire appeared to be a Herculean one. The members of the local Police Force as well as the Naval contingent were handicapped without the provision of fire-helmets, a want which to-day's experience will probably demonstrate to Government the necessity of making good without delay. Those who have watched operations on board are unanimous in their opinion that the local brigade to a man were rendering very efficient service and were doing everything that it was possible for them to do. As illustrating the admirable equipment on board the German mail steamers, it may be mentioned that fire-helmets were served out to members of the ship's crew. With these attached to air-pipes they descended into the lower hold carrying with them two streams of six-inch hose which they played on the burning cargo of valuable silk. Apparently the fire had eaten its way into the farthest bale beyond reach of the pouring volume of water, for in spite of the firemen's unrelenting efforts there appeared to be no sensible diminution in the density of the smoke by the time four o'clock.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT.

From a preliminary report it was gathered that no serious damage is anticipated as a result of the fire up to the time of the forenoon observation, but these anticipations may have to be modified in the light of later information derived on board this afternoon.

IN YAMUNATI BAY.

As stated above the *Prinz Ludwig* took up anchorage in the Company's buoy and remained anchored to it throughout the forenoon. About two o'clock, however, it was decided to take the steamer round to Yamunati Bay whither

she proceeded under her own steam. She runs safely on a bank in the bay—a commendable precaution dictated by a desire to provide for any eventuality.

"NOT UNDER CONTROL."

Up to 3.30 p.m. the *Prinz Ludwig* still flew the flag N. M. indicating that she was on fire. But that signal was lowered at 3.30 p.m. when two black balls were hoisted. The latter signal denoted that the vessel was not under control.

REPORTED LEAKING.

As we go to press a report reaches us that the steamer is making very little water, probably due to a slight leak. We trust that the report may prove incorrect and the damage even though considerable as far as the hull is concerned may prove to be of no moment at all.

THE DAMAGE.

Owing to the valuable nature of the smouldering cargo—raw silk from Japan and Shanghai—it is just possible that the underwriters may have to meet a largish bill from damage by fire and water. Already reports are current as to the approximate amount of damage, but as they are purely guess work we do not care to hazard their mention until complete surveys fix the exact extent of the damage.

THE PASSENGERS.

on board appeared to be quite at ease watching operations in extinguishing the fire. Many were seen leaning over the rails while the firemen were combating the tenacious outbreak. The steamer will probably be dry-docked for survey for classification.

THE LOSS OF THE "DAINI KISAKATA-MARU."

NUMBER OF THE LOST.

An official telegram from the Dai-ri Civil Administrative Office to the Yamaguchi Prefectural Government gives the number of the crew of the *Daini Kisakata-maru* as 32 and that of the passengers as 24.

The bodies of people who went down with the steamer still continue to be washed up on the shore at Toyonishi and Shimamura, outside Shimomuroki Straits. Three of the bodies drifting to the shore at Kusunobama, says a Shimomuroki dispatch to the *Asahi*, attracted special attention on account of their well-dressed appearance. One of them was corpulent and proved to be the remains of Captain Mochi, the master of the steamer. He was identified by articles found on the body, which consisted of a crystal seal, a gold watch with a photograph, and some money. Another proved to be the body of Mr. Kajimura Yoshimichi, of the Hakul Yoko, a firm in Fushimachi, Osaka. On the body ¥4,230 in cash was found. The other remains were unidentified. Up to the morning of the 2nd instant 37 bodies were washed on shore. Among them was that of a young girl of 14 years, an adopted daughter of Washio Jisaburo, an iron worker of Dai-ri. Seven bodies have been identified as those of passengers and eight of the crew. From accessory circumstances continues the dispatch, some time seems to have elapsed before the steamer went down after stranding. The young girl whose body was washed up carried a saving bank pass-book, a watch, and other valuable articles, as well as documents tied to her body, all being wrapped in a handkerchief. A passenger, Oyano Sakichi by name, whose body also came ashore, had on his person a name-card which showed that he was a passenger, not a member of the crew. —*Japan Chronicle*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. The following are the orders of the day:

Financial Minutes. (Nos 57 and 58.)
Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 20.)
Resolution under Section 2 of the Liquors Ordinance Amendment Ordinance No. 30 of 1909.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1907.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Squatters Ordinance, 1890.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

C. CLEMENT,

Clerk of Council.

* Will not be proceeded with at this meeting.
N.B.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

ON the 10th instant, the first commercial vessel flying the Chinese flag arrived in Manila since the American regime of the islands, and created quite a stir along the waterfront. The *Taiwan*, in command of Captain Jullisen, with the dragon flag flying, passed Corregidor early and anchored in the inner harbour before nine o'clock in the forenoon. This steamer brought to Manila a full cargo of rice consigned to Ong Coping, the full amount being 30,000 piculs, which was brought at a charter price of 23 cents per picul, from Saigon. Five days were occupied in the trip over from the French port.

A WASHINGTON despatch of December 10 says: A cablegram from Santo Domingo reports the foundering of the bark *Johanna*, bound from Hilo to Delaware Breakwater with a cargo of sugar. The captain alone was saved. The *Johanna* was a four-masted bark of 7,662 net tons, of the Standard Oil Company's fleet, built in 1891, which sailed from Hilo on April 26 with a full cargo of sugar for the Atlantic coast. The vessel was in command of Captain Nickerson, and her cargo of 2,600 tons of sugar was supplied by W. F. Stevenson and Company, Ltd.

THE BASIL MISSION SUIT.

PLAINTIFFS AWARDED \$2,000.

Before the Acting Chief Justice in the Supreme Court this morning, the case was resumed in which the President in Hongkong of the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society yesterday commenced an action in which they sought to recover from the Hongkong "Sheung Po" Company, Limited, and Hung Wa, editor, printer and publisher of the *Sheung Po*, the sum of \$2,000 as damages for an alleged libel contained in a certain article appearing in the *Sheung Po* in December last.

Mr. W. M. Slade, instructed by Mr. F. B. Deacon (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared for the plaintiffs and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C. instructed by Mr. O. to Kong Sing, was for the defendants.

The following were the jury:—Messrs. M. B. Northcote (foreman), A. Babington, W. A. Dowley, A. Bryer, A. J. David, H. P. White and A. G. Corder.

Sir Henry submitted that the plaintiffs had disclosed no case. In availing his Lordship to leave the case to the jury, Counsel submitted that under the powers of Sections 174 and 175 of the Code of Civil Procedure, his Lordship should dismiss the case there and then. It was his Lordship's duty to withdraw the case and dismiss the action, because the plaintiff, the President in Hongkong of the Basel Missionary Society, Mr. Brummell, had not proved that any libel had been published of and concerning him.

Mr. Slade:—The plaintiff is *it*, not *him*. Sir Henry:—The plaintiff is a person. No libel has been proved against a corporation.

Proceeding with his argument, Sir Henry stated that the libel if proved was against two persons—Dr. Fortisch and Mr. Souter. The charge was one which amounted to murder. The least harmful charge amounted to malpractice in the performance of their duties. There were four points which he was going to elaborate shortly. The libel did not refer to the plaintiff; therefore, there was no personal right of action in *him* or *it*. There was no right of action in the corporation as a corporation in respect of its property. Sir Henry proceeded to cite authorities in support of his contention and referred to a case where it had been held that a corporation could not commit murder and said that case was identical to the present action, as the plaintiff was a corporation. Counsel stated that the term "it" had no personality; it was merely an abstraction. Dealing with another of his points, Counsel stated that even supposing that the plaintiff could bring an action in relation to its property, the hospital at Ho Yuen was not the property of the President in Hongkong.

His Lordship:—It is the property of the Corporation.

Sir Henry:—It is not the property of the Corporation. It is the property of the Mission in Basel. Mr. Souter stated in his evidence that advances were made by the people at home and that they accounted for operations performed upon patients.

His Lordship:—Suppose the Mission was a branch of the Basel Mission, would it be entitled to sue in respect of its property?

Sir Henry:—I was going to submit certainly not. The plaintiff is not entitled to sue. It is debarrated from bringing the action because the plaintiff had accepted an apology as far as he was concerned from the defendants under an agreement that it was going to be published by the defendants, which had been duly performed. The evidence was that Mr. Brummell had a conversation with the editor, who explained how the article came to be published and published an apology.

Mr. Slade stated that that was not so. His Lordship said that that fact (the insertion of the apology) could only mitigate the defence but it would not debar the plaintiff from bringing the action. He would direct the jury on the question of damages.

Sir Henry said he would not press the point. Continuing, Counsel stated that the plaintiff had admitted in his evidence that the words complained of did not refer to him. On the face of it, he did not refer to a particular person and that particular person was Mr. Brummell. Assuming that the Corporation could sue, the words did not refer to the Corporation.

At this point, His Lordship referred to a certain statement which was on record that "all lawyers were thieves."

Sir Henry:—It is a very crude illustration but it is very apt (Laughter).

Counsel then proceeded to prove that if a person wrote that all lawyers were thieves, he could not be sued by a particular lawyer for libel unless it could be proved that the words referred to that particular lawyer. He submitted that the President in Hongkong of the Basel Mission was merely a corporate body for the purpose of holding property for the Basel Mission at Switzerland. The President in Hongkong was President only in Hongkong and not in China. The President in Hongkong could not bring an action for libel in Africa and therefore he was not entitled to bring an action for the purpose of protecting the Society's worldly interests. He submitted that the power and authority of the President in Hongkong were limited to Hongkong. Assuming that the plaintiff could bring an action, he was not entitled to bring the present action, because the charge was of a nature which could not be committed by a corporation. There was nothing in the Ordinance which authorised the Basel Mission at Ho Yuen to trade or do business of any kind. It was merely authorised to hold property. It was not authorised to hold land outside Hongkong.

Mr. Slade in replying dealt with the status of the plaintiff as a corporate body. He said that the paper was a Hongkong paper and although the injury was done in Hongkong, it covered a wider area. The action could not be brought by any other body except the plaintiff.

His Lordship:—Why not the doctors? Mr. Slade:—Let me explain. Because the doctors who have devoted their lives work to

the Mission, do not care to bring forward a claim for compensation for personal injury inflicted on them. The injury was inflicted on the Mission, whose servants they are.

His Lordship at this point announced that he did not propose to withdraw the case and assuming that the plaintiff's right of action was not held good, it would involve another trial, but in view of the system of juries obtaining in the Colony, it was not desirable to have a second trial and he proposed to leave the case to the jury with a reservation.

Counsel having concluded, Mr. Slade briefly addressed the jury and after Sir Henry had made his address on behalf of the defendants, the jury awarded the plaintiffs general damages in the sum of \$2,000. His Lordship reserved his decision on the point of law raised by the defence as to whether the plaintiffs possessed the right of action.

PLEASURE TRIPS TO MACAO.

NEW STEAMER PLACED ON THE RUN.

Through the enterprise of the Sea Yap Steamship Company, another steamer, the *On Lee*, has been added to the weekly service on Sundays to Macao. The *On Lee* is a new boat, having been launched about three weeks ago, and through the courtesy of the Company, representatives of the local Press were last Sunday given an opportunity of seeing what an excellent excursion trip can be made on board the *On Lee* for the extremely moderate fare of \$1.10 each way. The vessel is under the command of a genial skipper in the person of Capt. Cameron, whose delightful breeziness should enhance the advantages of travelling by the *On Lee*.

The *On Lee*, which was built at Kowloon Dock, is a vessel with a length of 185 feet, has a 36-foot beam and her draught is 8 feet 6 inches. She is capable of accommodating 1,065 passengers and, considering her size, has a goodly number of well-appointed bunks. The *On Lee* lies between Hongkong and Kowloon on week days, while on Sundays she runs to Macao and back, leaving the Pig On wharf at 9 a.m. and Macao at 5 p.m. and does the trip to Macao in the extremely good time of 3 1/2 hours. The *On Lee* is well worth the patronage of excursionists to the Portuguese settlement.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

PONIES FOR THE ARMY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 13th December.
A large consignment of ponies, about a hundred in all, arrived here the other day by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer. These ponies were bought at Kelgan by the Canton Military Department for the newly trained provincial troops.

SWATOW-CANTON RAILWAY.
The local authorities propose to build a railway to connect Swatow and Canton. Engineer-in-chief Wu Chiu Tung and two others arrived here a few days ago and will soon start to survey the proposed road.

CONSULAR VISIT.
At 10 o'clock this morning H.E. Viceroy Yuan received the American Consul-General at Canton.

FORTHCOMING SPORTS.
The sports to be held under the auspices of the Self-Government Society, have been fixed to take place at the East Parade Ground for two days on the 15th and 16th days this moon (the 7th and 8th proximo). Programmes have been drawn up for distribution. The officials appear to greatly favour the sports.

PRISON.
Soon after assuming charge of office as acting Kwangchow Prefect, Yun Kai Chi made an inspection of both the Nanhai and Pau Yu prisons. He is satisfied to find these prisons in good order.

THE WEATHER.
The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 14th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has fallen rapidly over N.E. Japan owing to a depression which is moving Eastwards over Hokkaido.

The barometer has risen considerably over S.W. Japan and the Loochoos, while it is inclined fall over China.

The high pressure area remains over the Yangtze valley, and pressure is relatively low over the S. part of the China Sea.

Strong N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and monsoon gales over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST.
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N.E. winds, strong; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 2.

THE South Manchuria Railway Co.'s statement of accounts for the first half of the present fiscal year ended September 30 indicates the marvellous prosperity of the corporation and shows an increase of forty per cent in the gross receipts and of fifty per cent in the mining receipts on those for the corresponding term of the preceding year. The railway earnings during the said term reached ¥ 5,850,000.

It will be remembered that some months ago the then Viceroy in Kwangtung memorialized the Throne on the subject of abolishing hereditary slavery in high families with the result that prohibition was authorized. Orders to that effect were issued for the guidance of all the provincial governments, but those orders have been ignored in some cases. The Ministry of the Interior has, therefore, once more taken up the matter and given circular instructions to all the Viceroys and Governors, asking them to give the necessary directions to their subordinates in the matter.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

CHINESE IN DUTCH COLONIES.

MINISTER'S SOLICITUDE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th December.

The Chinese Minister to Holland has telegraphed to the Central Government asking that immediate steps should be taken for the protection of Chinese residents in the Dutch colonies, otherwise they will be compelled to become Dutch subjects.

FINANCIAL SUPERVISORS.

TREASURERS' OBSTRUCTION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th December.

Most of the Financial Supervisors sent out by the Ministry of Finance have reported to the Ministry that the various Provincial treasurers have placed obstacles in their way.

The finance ministers are so incensed that it is proposed to memorialize the Throne to have the treasurers severely dealt with.

CUSTOMS TAOTAL.

PROPOSED ABOLITION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th December.

It is proposed by the Central Government to abolish the posts of Customs Taotal.

FOREIGN LOANS.

TIENTSIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROPOSAL.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th December.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin has wired to the Chamber of Commerce in different Provinces asking for joint action in raising funds to pay off the foreign loans.

It is reported that the majority of the Chambers communicated with acquiescence in the scheme.

ELLIS KADOORIE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

ESTABLISHMENT IN SHANGHAI.

The final correspondence between Mr. Kadoorie and the Municipal Council, concerning the establishment of a Public School for Chinese in Sino district, was published in the *Municipal Gazette* of this week, says the *Shanghai Times*. It is interesting to note that the proposal has not only met with the approval of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese, but that it has also been endorsed by the Municipal Council. It is proposed to erect a building from the contribution of Tls. 25,000 made by Mr. Kadoorie, on land to be purchased from Municipal funds. The justification for the establishment of a second school is the present crowded condition of the Public School for Chinese on Elgin Road. This school can accommodate about 400 pupils, but has applications from many more than this number. Situated at such a distance from Sino, the present school can draw but few pupils from that district. There can be but little doubt that the proposed Kadoorie School will be filled from the day of opening, as there is already an existing school in Sino supported by Mr. Kadoorie, of which Mr. Dowie is the Head Master, which has more than two pupils enrolled. The extension of public education for Chinese in the Settlement must commend itself to an enlightened public opinion, as the Chinese population pays the larger proportion of taxes. It was explicitly stated, when the present Public School was projected, that it was but the beginning of a system of schools for Chinese in the Settlement, and it is satisfactory to notice that the Council is continuing to carry out the work begun several years ago. Mr. Kadoorie's generous offer will meet with the genuine appreciation of the ratepayers.

COMMERCIAL.

Following are further alterations in Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co.'s share list to-day:—
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 7 1/2 sales
Hongkong Wharves, 128 sales
Chinese Engineering, 10,30 sales
Sumatras, 117 1/2 buyers
Exot, 135 buyers
Langkats, 860 buyers
Panda Sugar, 241 sales

H.K. ADMIRAL SHORRE.

LANDING THIS MORNING.

Shortly after 10.30 this morning a guard of honour composed of one company of the "Buff" was drawn up at Blake Pier to receive the American Admiral on landing. A little before 11 a.m. the U.S. flag ship's pinnace left the West Virginia and made for Blake Pier. On landing, a salute was fired at the Kowloon Signal Station. The Admiral was received at the pier by Capt. P. H. M. Taylor, A.D.C. to the Governor, and the American Consul. After inspecting the guard, the Admiral and party proceeded in chairs to Government House.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TASMANIA'S NORTH-WEST COAST.

ITS IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—How many people in your state are aware of the immense possibilities of this compact and fertile island? Not much inferior in size to Ireland, it contains a handful of 185,000 people, who occupy the territory rich in minerals, blessed with a lovely climate, endowed with rare charm of landscape, where snow-covered peaks find their counterpart in limpid streams that flood when the snow melts in the months of early summer, and wind amongst vernal valleys over which one tint of green merely replaces another to mark the seasonal change. What you will ask has to the cause of keeping such an Elysium in the background? What has given Tasmania, the gem island set in the southern seas, the title of the "Garden of the South"? Well, one reason is the fact that we have not been assisted by any great minerals boom such as Australia has; nor do we possess millions of acres of grassy plains to dispose of as in the case of Queensland.

The midas that will transmute Tasmania's mineral wealth into gold is the energy of the diligent prospector, the patient miner, the skilled metallurgist, and the enterprising capitalist. All these various factors or phases and energy we have, but more is wanted, especially more capital for the development of this land of minerals—gold, lead, silver, tin, copper, wolfram, bismuth, etc. Again the grassy plains of Australia finds their counterpart here in chocolate soil of unsurpassed fertility, but nature guards her treasure from the hands of the unworthy by a mantle of timber—often valuable timber—hardwood being preferred to pine for building purposes. This mantle which impedes settlement is now being removed from the agricultural paradise, par excellence of Tasmania—the potential North-West Coast.

With the area of progressive legislation, which at last is dawning on Tasmania, I trust with the pending state elections, this state, and particularly the richly endowed North-West corner of it will, like Hope personified, spring "exulting on triumphant wings." There is in short, to the enterprising settler, whether he be of large, moderate or small means, a vista of comfortable and congenial existence opening out for him if he will "step this way please."

Believing as I do in the future of Australia, and in Tasmania's North-West Coast in particular, I would deem it a special favour if allowed to advance through your columns some facts for intending settlers. In the first place, let me say that the North-West Coast is studded with growing towns—Devonport, from which I write, is the commercial entrepot of the North-West, and the outlet for the increasing production from land valued at £3,000,000. Last year over half a million pounds worth of produce was exported to Sydney and other Australian ports. Devonport is a fine town of over 4,000 inhabitants, lighted with electricity, and possessing every modern convenience. Its harbour is an excellent one, and over £100,000 has been spent improving it. Vessels of over 8,000 tons register have found accommodation here, and twice a week a vessel drawing 16ft the Onah trades between Devonport and Melbourne. While every week two produce boats of similar draft ship produce from Devonport to Sydney taking large cargoes. Up to 40,000 bags of potatoes a week are shipped to Sydney from the North-West Coast ports, of which Devonport is the chief.

Now for a few figures:—We produced in 1906-7 the great quantity of 182,000 tons of potatoes, the average yield being 5 1/2 tons per acre, about twice the Victorian average. We grew last year 1,500,000 bushels of oats, yielding on the average—that is the good with the bad—28 bushels per acre; the previous year the average was 34 bushels per acre. Our barley crop averages up to 32 bushels per acre; wheat up to 27 bushels per acre; which please compare with 7 and 10 bushels average on the mainland. Our apple production exceeds a million bushels yearly. Evidently all that Tasmania requires to be made wealthy is increased production, which can be ensured by the introduction of practical agriculturists of some capital and abounding energy.

Free selection holds in Tasmania, and over 100,000 acres are alienated every year. Orchard land and land suitable for potato or dairy farms can be secured in the Devonport district within easy reach of railways, roads, and the best produce market in Australia for the farmer, seller to dispose of his produce in.

While the potato producing capabilities of the North-West Coast soil have an Australian wide reputation, the Mersey valley, inland from Devonport, is becoming to be regarded as the most prolific fruit region in Tasmania, which is saying much. Until lately orcharding was confined to the south of the island, where the vast and increasing production has given Tasmania the title of the "Appleland." But the Mersey valley is now being planted out with the best results. Thousands of acres of suitable orchard land are still available in this part of Tasmania at low prices, and the Government fruit experts advise is that the soil—with a good supply of water—is the best for fruit, and that all that can be desired. The over sea fruit market is one of unlimited possibilities, and cannot be overdone. I would be pleased to give any further information to intending settlers.—Yours, etc., R. KOURANT, Devonport, Tasmania.

FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

GODOWN COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

At about one o'clock yesterday morning, reports the *N. C. D. News* of 11th inst., a fire broke out in an unoccupied house at Footong. The flames had obtained a strong hold when the native brigade arrived, but the firemen, with the assistance of a number of River Police and native constables, quickly got to work, and before long the outbreak was subdued. The building was seriously damaged.

After the firemen had left the scene, flames were seen at about four o'clock shooting through the roof of Messrs. Mackenzie & Co.'s godown which is situated about a hundred yards from the building which had been on fire. Mr. Kenneth Campbell, the engineer in charge of the godown, made the discovery, and gave the alarm. The brigade turned out again, but their appliances were altogether inadequate, and the services of the Customs and Municipal fire floats were sought. The floats arrived at the wharf at about five o'clock within a few minutes of each other, and long lines of hose were run out. As soon as steam was up water was pumped on to the burning mass of raw cotton which was stored in the godown, at the rate of 1,500 gallons per minute. Notwithstanding this heavy volume of water, the flames continued to shoot upwards. Soon the roof fell in with a thud, and the flames rose higher, and myriads of sparks flew into the air. The firemen continued to pour water over the high walls and through the broken windows, but no appreciable diminution of the blaze was apparent. At about six o'clock the wall on the northern side fell outwards with a resounding crash, and the hiatus was filled with flames. Fortunately, no one was within the danger zone when the wall fell. Shortly afterwards the north-east corner cracked and, swaying for a few seconds, fell out with a loud crash. The warning given was noticed, for a foreigner and a native member of the fire brigade had raced to safety in the nick of time. Portions of the wall continued to fall at intervals, and late yesterday afternoon not one was intact. A section on the northern side was bulging dangerously, and as it looked as if were going to fall at any moment, men were told off to prevent any one from getting too close to it. The front wall was cracked to an alarming manner, and smoke was pouring through the crevices. The afternoon was well advanced before the flames were in part subdued, and there gave way to dense volumes of bluish smoke, which found its way into the eyes and throats of the firemen and considerably hampered them. As the day wore on the effects of the many tons of water that had been poured into the smouldering mass became more apparent, and the smoke lost much of its density, but it is not anticipated that the fire, which was still burning in the early hours of this morning, will be completely extinguished for a day or two.

As soon as it became safe to do so, a large corps of coolies was set to work to convey the wet cotton to a safe spot some fifty yards away from the godown. By this means it is hoped that the loss will be reduced, and although it is a very slow process, it is considered to be the quickest and surest way of quelling the outbreak. How the fire originated in the unoccupied house is not known, but it is supposed that some beggars had sought refuge there from the cold, and lighted a fire, which got beyond control, and set fire to the wooden fittings. How the godown became affected is also mysterious but in this case, too, a theory is advanced. It is believed that sparks from the fire at the unoccupied house flew towards the godown, found an entrance under the eaves, and lodged among the bales of raw cotton. As is well known, cotton is a material that generally smoulders for a long period before bursting into flame, and this would account for the interval between the two outbreaks. All this, of course, is merely supposition, but the godown, which contains three storeys, is a modern structure. It has fireproof doors and barred windows which are sealed by iron shutters. The godown was originally a one-storied building occupied by the China Merchants' S. N. Co., but about twelve months ago it was enlarged and completely re-modelled for Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., and brought up to date. The building is of brick with an iron roof, and it is hard to see how sparks could have found their way among the contents in any other manner than that suggested. The building was insured with the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The godown was used chiefly for the storage of raw cotton, which after being pressed was shipped by the owners. The value of the contents is estimated at about half a million taels, and the damage done is assessed approximately at about three lacs of taels. The contents were the property of many owners, but it is believed that each lot was covered by insurance.

Fortunately, the machinery used in pressing the cotton was situated at another godown, which will reduce considerably the inconvenience caused by the fire.

The "save" must be regarded as a good one, for "B" godown which is separated from the burnt building by a twenty-five passage, remained intact, and the small godown lately used by the Vacuum Oil Co., which is situated about the midway between the burnt godown and the house in which the fire first broke out, was also unaffected.

The River Police, under the supervision of Inspector Mellows, the Postung Magistrate, the employees of the International Cotton Mill and the many residents who ably assisted the firemen, must be thanked for the assistance that they gave to the firemen in the trying circumstances.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

Full reports of the Straits Settlement Dinner, which was held on November 16, show that the opium question was the subject of the more important speeches. Sir Frank Swettenham, G.C.M.G., who presided, said *inter alia* that there was reason to fear that the prosperity of British Malaya had been checked, as trade and revenue were shrinking, the opium firm had been abolished and a new and costly system had been introduced, which would yield less and was intended ultimately to suppress the consumption of opium. The Chairman proceeded:—

I should have preferred to omit all reference to the opium question, but that course is impossible, for the opium firms contributed half the revenue, and we who hitherto have regarded the Colony's continued prosperity as a practical certainty, naturally ask what will take the place of the opium revenue when the consumption of the drug has been absolutely abolished.

THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The tacit challenge to reassure colonists given by the Chairman was accepted by Colonel Seely, who said:—

Well, then, apart from a certain anxiety as to the loss in trade itself, your distinguished Chairman touched upon a loss in revenue. I have heard a rumour that there has been a similar loss in revenue even in this country, and that we have had to take measures to make up the deficit. The loss in the revenue of our Eastern dependencies has been caused, as in every country of the world without exception, by a momentary slackening of trade. It has also, no doubt, been caused by the Opium policy to which you referred, Sir Frank. . . . There is no desire on the part of His Majesty's Government, or anyone in this country in a responsible position, to impose upon people in our Eastern dependencies a morality of their own conception which costs them nothing, which will only flatter their own consciences. That is a thing of the past. There is no such desire. We only wish to see facts as they are, and to administer countries, if we can, for the good of the inhabitants. Our closest ally is Japan. We are brought into close touch with Japan. We hear all that Japan does. Well, now, we know in the case of Japan that they regard the abuse of the opium habit as so serious that they impose the severest, we should call them savage, penalties upon any Japanese not only who uses the drug, but who is found in possession of the drug. They are a people of great capacity, probably the greatest in the East, they are a people of great self-restraint, they are a people very successful in hard arbitration of war, and one cannot suppose that all Japan's wise statesmen without exception would take this course unless there were something in the view. This was what impressed His Majesty's Government, and when he found that the statesmen of China were of the same mind and wished to check an abuse, not only His Majesty's Government but I would beg you to observe, Sir Frank, men of all parties—Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, Mr. Balfour, the Irish party, Sir Thomas, the Labour—men of all shades of opinion said, "Well, at least we cannot lag behind; we must not check what wise men in the East believe to be a good move; all we can do is to try and direct it into wise channels." And I stand here to say that we know that in trying to check the abuse of a habit which undoubtedly has caused racial degeneration in some quarters of the globe, not only that we shall have with us, but we have got already with us all the best thought of the men on the spot who wish to see by gradual means and with the least possible disturbance the elimination of what may be a gross abuse. I put it up higher than that. I say that we cannot cure an evil all in a moment. I do not for a moment suggest that you should impose a self-denying ordinance which should induce Sir Frank Swettenham and me to retire to some lonely moor to drink water and eat vegetables, but I do say that we shall carry with us the opinion of everyone here in trying on wise lines to prevent the expansion of the abuse of a habit which may cause grave injury to the inhabitants of a country, over which the King holds sway.

Events Coming.

Wednesday, 15th December.
South China Morning Post, Ltd., Annual Meeting, in the Offices of Dr. Noble, Bank Building, Noon.
Hughes and Hough, Furniture sale, 2.30 p.m.
Friday, 17th December.
Geo. P. Lammet, Chinese Curios sale, 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 18th December.
A. A. Sports Meeting, Kowloon Track.
Geo. P. Lammet, Oldfash Curios sale, 2.30 p.m.
Hughes and Hough, Xmas Toys sale, 2.30 p.m.
Buff's Gymkhana, on the Polo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday, 19th December.
Catholic Union Bazaar, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, 20th December.
Hughes and Hough High Class English Jewellery sale, 11 a.m.
Geo. P. Lammet, Fancy Goods sale, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 22nd December.
St Joseph's English College, distribution of prizes, by His Excellency the Governor, 4.30 p.m.
Friday, 24th December.
Boxing at City Hall.
Saturday, 25th December.
Public Holiday.
Tuesday, 28th December.
Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 29th December.
Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, 10 a.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

LADIES wishing to attend classes in FIRST AID or HOME NURSING are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. T. Johnson), St. John's Cathedral, before WEDNESDAY, December 22nd.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [839]

FROM EUROPE.

"SCANDIA."

Captain v. Dühren, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given, before TO-DAY.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [838]

THE PRATAS ISLAND QUESTION.

PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

A telegram has reached the Government from Mr. Segawa, Japanese Consul at Canton, to the effect that the amount of compensation, ¥130,000, payable by the Chinese Government to Mr. Nishikawa for his business on Pratas Island was received from the Chinese authorities on the 2nd instant.

RECOVERY OF NATIONAL RIGHTS IN CHINA.

STATEMENT BY A JAPANESE OFFICIAL.

In an interview with the Tokyo correspondent of the *Asahi*, Mr. Akatsuka, a Secretary in the Foreign Office, who has just returned from a tour of inspection in South China, remarks that objection may be taken from a political and diplomatic point of view to the agitation of the Chinese for the recovery of national rights, but the good effect of the agitation on various undertakings in the interior of China must be admitted. In the first place joint-stock companies have been fast coming into existence. In their nature the Chinese are generally inclined to distrust others. This trait makes it very difficult to form a joint-stock company, but when the people are stirred up by the idea of recovering national rights, subscribers to the capital of such a company can be easily obtained. The formation of electric light, telephone, and waterworks companies is booming in South China at the present time. Such companies are mostly semi-Government concerns. When inviting subscriptions to the shares the promoters attract capitalist by promising that if the dividend does not exceed 6 or 7 per cent. per annum, the Government will not receive a dividend on its share. Partnership companies engaged in flour-milling, cotton-spinning and silk reeling are rapidly increasing in number. The goods turned out by these companies are invariably labelled "Encouragement of Native Industry." This indicates that the aspiration for the recovery of national rights is at work under promotion of such companies. The action of the Government in refraining from imposing all kinds of other dues except a tax of 5 per cent. on goods produced by machinery in China goes a long way towards encouraging the industries referred to. This privilege is also extended to the goods manufactured in foreign settlements in China. The Japanese might prove very successful, concludes Mr. Akatsuka, if they proceeded to China and started manufacturing business.—*Japan Chronicle*.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

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8.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
9.00 a.m.	12.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
10.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes
11.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
12.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
1.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
2.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
3.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes
4.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
5.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS.

4.45 p.m.	9.00 a.m.	0.45 a.m.	to 11.15 p.m.
every half hour.			

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes
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6.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
7.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes

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"MONTEAGLE" TUESDAY, FEB. 15TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" SATURDAY, FEB. 26TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND.
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For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI via NINGPO	"WOSANG"	FRIDAY, 17th Dec., 2 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	FRIDAY, 17th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSHING"	SUNDAY, 19th Dec., 4 P.M.
OHFFOO & WEIHAWEI	"CHIRSHING"	TUESDAY, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	TUESDAY, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LUONGSANG"	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE	"KUTSANG"	SUNDAY, 26th Dec., 8 P.M.
MOJO	"KUTSANG"	SUNDAY, 26th Dec., 8 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	THURSDAY, 6th Jan., Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SAMARANG	"SHANTUNG"	15th Dec., Daylight.
HOIHOW & HAIHONG	"YUNAN"	15th Dec., 10 A.M.
SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	"HUIHOW"	15th Dec., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHEMAN"	16th Dec., 4 P.M.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAWEI & CHEFOO	"LIANGHOU"	16th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	19th Dec., Daylight.
MANILA	"TEAN"	21st Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHIHUA"	26th Dec., Daylight.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and USUAL	"CHANGSHA"	10th Jan., 4 P.M.

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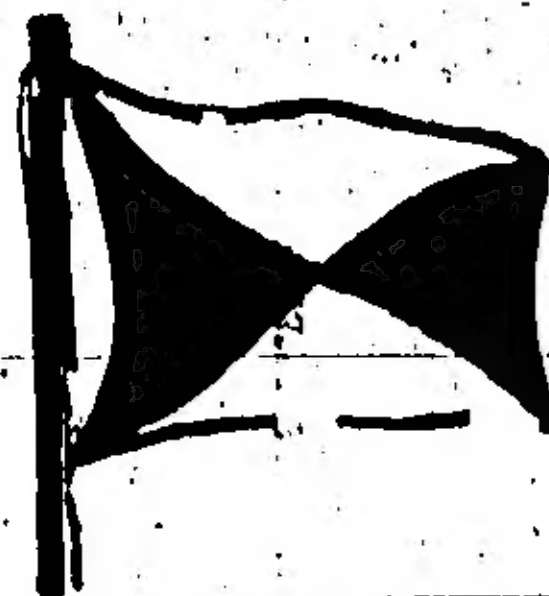
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1909.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES. 1909
MARSEILLE, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	"HIRANO MARU" Capt. H. Fraser, Tons 9000 "TANGO MARU" Capt. A. Christensen, Tons 8000 "KAMO MARU" Capt. F. L. Sommer, Tons 9000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight.

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WEDNESDAY, 19th Jan, From YOKOHAMA.

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FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.

YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, Tons 6000

FRIDAY, 21st Dec., at Noon.

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. Moses, Tons 9000

THURSDAY, 16th Dec., 5 P.M.

YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, Tons 5000

Dec., at Noon.

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SATURDAY, 15th Dec., at Daylight.

MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA AKI MARU, Capt. K. Sato, Tons 7000

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1909.

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1909.

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1909.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909.

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German (*Batlow*) 16th inst.

Indian (*Catherine*) 17th inst.

French (*Océanien*) 20th inst.

Indian (*Kulsang*) 22nd inst.

The P. & O. S. Co.'s s.s. *Syria* left Singapore for this port on 11th inst., at 5:30 p.m., and is due here on 19th inst., at 4 p.m.

The M. C. Co.'s s.s. *Oceania* with French Mails of the 21st ult., and mails from London of the 20th ult., left Singapore to-day, at 5 a.m., via Saigon, and is expected to arrive here on 20th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Eastern, Br. s.s. 4,000, W. G. McArthur, 13th Dec., Melbourne 10th Nov., Sydney 20th, and Manila 11th, Gen.-G. L. & Co.

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Yochow, Br. s.s. 1,306, H. A. Warren, 14th Dec., Canton 13th Dec., Gen.-D. L. & Co.

Halmun, Br. s.s. 636, J. W. Evans, 14th Dec., Swatow 13th Dec., Gen.-D. L. & Co.

China, Am. s.s. 3,186, D. E. Friele, 14th Dec., Canton 13th Dec., Gen.-D. L. & Co.

23rd Yokohama 6th Dec., Kobe 7th, Nagasaki 9th, and Shanghai 9th, Mails and Gen.-P. M. S. Co.

Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 542, J. F. Fandlet, 14th Dec., Halphong via Pakhoi, Holhow and Quong-chow-wan 13th Dec., Gen.-A. R. M.

Marie, Ger. s.s. 1,169, P. Christiansen, 14th Dec., Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast-J. & Co.

Fronto, Nor. s.s. 838, Th. Seeborg, 14th Dec., Shanghai 13th Dec., Ballast-Agaard, Thorsen & Co.

Scandia, Ger. s.s. 2,500, von Döhran, 14th Dec., Singapore 8th Dec., Gen.-H. A. L.

Halvard, Nor. s.s. 1,055, C. Andersen, 14th Dec., from Bangkok, Rice-Agaard, Thorsen & Co.

Bligo Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,873, G. C. Hurry, 14th Dec., Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.-N. Y.

Petchaburi, Ger. s.s. 1,373, O. Gossowich, 14th Dec., Bangkok 4th Dec. and Swatow 12th, Rice and Meal.-B. & S.

Clearance at the Harbour Office.

Kwongkong, for Swatow.

Wingiang, for Shanghai.

Quarta, for Saigon.

Tamung, for Manila.

Paiyane, for Swatow.

Prins Ludwig, for Singapore.

Swatung, for Amoy.

Nora, for Singapore.

Chiyuen, for Canton.

Samien, for Bangkok.

Shantung, for Samarang.

Scandia, for Shanghai.

Halvard, for Colombo.

Passengers arrive.

Per *Nora*, from Yokohama for London-Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Rev. and Mrs. Pate, for Colombo-Mr. J. E. Hope, from Shanghai for London-Mr. and Mrs. Wildina, infant and 2 children, and Mr. Hill. For Hongkong-Mrs. Gately.

Per *Eastern*, from Australian Ports-Major E. M. Norton, Misses F. B. Randall, R. E. Anson, A. Seabrook, A. McEwen, Mrs. Chae, Mrs. Chae, Mrs. F. Kruger, Edmundo Carlos, Jose Augusto Fernandez, Jose Pissao, Sunat, Annibal Pereira de Fonseca, Antolius Mil Hoopeni Correa, Jose Marcelino de Campos, Antonio de Jesus Barreira, J. N. Sinclair, Lieut. and Mrs. Gruber, Mrs. W. A. Glasford, Mr. J. Irwin and child, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ross, Miss Vida Ross, Mrs. A. Tormey, Dr. J. V. Tormey, Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Tappay, Messrs. A. M. Evans, H. B. Riebo, N. Buckland, S. Bojrnagall, F. Betram, Mrs. and Miss Nelson, infant and child, Messrs. S. Emanuel, J. C. Evans and Onda.

Per *Prins Ludwig*, for Hongkong from Yokohama-Mr. A. V. Mitchell, Capt. R. H. Kelson, Mrs. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Fustner, Messrs. Chai Ying Che and Chai Pak Yung, from Kobe-Mr. and Mrs. I. v. d. Hurk, Mrs. Wm. Bruyn van der Kuyler, Messrs. Ching Yu Lun, Lee Sui, Ho Min Nam and Li Chuek Yee, from Nagasaki-Mr. M. Nakashima, from Shanghai-Mr. F. B. Millar, Mrs. Konsul Dr. Rosler, Mr. P. Forum, Mrs. Leary Yury Kum daughter and servant, Mrs. Ellis Kadonnie, Mrs. Ch. G. Bolle and lady, Mr. and Mrs. Remusat, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Eillo, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Stierling, Messrs. Syney Stifford, A. H. Reiss, Ch. H. Hayes, Wm. Ken Siz, E. Z. H. Mrs. Y. C. Betsch, Messrs. W. L. Linke, A. Hahn, Jr., A. Hahn, senior, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weber, Messrs. C. Chinn, J. Sugita, A. J. Parkins, Miss Nina Sobol, and Mrs. J. Akerman.

Per *Halmun*, from Swatow-Ar. Kuak.

Per *Glenogle*, from Singapore-1,500 Chinese.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila-Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Reynolds, Capt. and Mrs. M. C. Chintock, Misses L. A. Fran, Kelly, Peel, Mrs. Fuller, Messrs. E. J. Kappeler, A. L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. J. F. Younger, Miss M. Millar, A. Millar, Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Schelling, Mr. F. W. Files, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. S. D. Gordon, Mrs. J. Shawan, Mr. and Master Lucky, Messrs. I. W. Hendrick, McDougal, Miss J. Ivel, Messrs. F. Morgan, K. Suzuki and 48 Chinese.

Per *China*, from San Francisco, &c.-Mrs. H. Anderson, Mrs. E. M. Barton, Miss Clara H. Beck, Messrs. J. W. Bolles, J. W. Campbell, Chan Yee, Mrs. Chan See, Miss Chan Kwong Kean, Mr. Chong Gen Gin, Miss Adelaide Clancy, Mrs. E. M. Clark, Master F. Clark, Miss C. Cavanagh, Messrs. G. Cohn, Elmer, B. Collics, Haug J. Cusiring, N. K. Davidson, Dean Gin Foo, F. H. Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duthie, Mrs. E. G. Eatos, Messrs. F. C. Fugle, A. W. Exline, Fong Tang, Fong Man Ho, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hering, Mr. L. Joseph, Mrs. F. on Kwong and infant, Messrs. Chae Bow, Frank Luk, & Co., Mrs. L. N. Ngatso, Miss Elizabeth Liang, Messrs. S. N. Lake, Lew Vick, Lin Wei Ling, G. C. Mannie, Mrs. F. Nadson, Mrs. W. J. Maffey, and infant, Misses Mary Maffey, Mary Martin, F. A. Murphy, A. M. Murphy, Mrs. J. Moorhead, Misses Moorehead, J. Melville, Messrs. I. Merino, N. Merino, A. M. Page, Master F. K. Page, Mrs. C. S. Page, Mr. Chas. A. Powers, Mrs. O. E. Reh and infant, Masters Ralph Reh, Phillip Reh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Resion, Misses F. Ryan, A. F. Scott, H. M. Steves, Mr. and Mrs. Tung Chung, and Mr. C. O. Viers.

Passengers expected.

Per *Ocean*, from Marseilles-Mr. des Fontaines, Mrs. Leyte, Messrs. Duhot and Jochi-van.

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Indramayo*, from Shanghai-Strong monsoon. Fine generally.

Str. *Zafiro*, from Manila-Strong N.E. wind and high sea cloudy weather.

Str. *Fronto*, from Shanghai-Strong N.E. monsoon through the Formosa Straits.

Str. *Halmun*, from Swatow-Had Fresh Northerly breeze and cloudy clear weather.

Str. *Eastern*, from Sydney, &c.-Exceptionally wet weather with strong winds from Thursday Island Manila Friday Dec. 10th and left Saturday Dec. 11th. Rough N.E.ly sea and very strong N.E. monsoons, moderate gale with heavy night crossing China Sea.

Ships Passed The Canal.

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SHARE QUOTATIONS

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ST CKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	LAST DIVIDEND	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/91 = \$21.72	4 %	\$597 London 69 1/2
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	7	6	Reserve: \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1909	...	\$65 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$10 for 1908	7 %	\$120 sales
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	15	25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of 7/6 for 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 115 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$250	\$100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of \$17 making \$47 for 1907 and Interim of \$30 for 1908	5 1/2 %	\$85 buyers
FIRE INSURANCE.							
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$225 sales
Obida Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.	70,000	\$100	\$20	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 %	\$118 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$150	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$17 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$375 sellers
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1 for 1906	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1 for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$33
Hongkong, Canton & Amoy Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of \$12 for account 1909	7 1/2 %	\$31 ss. and b.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	50,000	25	25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/10 = \$5.154	...	\$60 buyers
Do. (Deferred)	50,000	25	25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of 2/- for 1908 and Interim of 1/- for a/c 1909	...	68/- buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	21	21	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1909	4 %	\$26 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$0.50	3 1/2 %	\$14
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	\$160 sellers
Luxo Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$1	\$100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$5 for 1907	...	\$21 buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.8.09	...	Tls. 345 sales
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	21	21	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 %	Tls. 19.30 sales
Raub-Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	1	18 1/2	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$7 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	...	\$22
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$6 1/2 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of \$14 for account 1909	...	\$52 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of Tls. 24 for year ending 30.4.09	6 1/2 %	Tls. 77 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	35,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	7 %	Tls. 130 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 105 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	...	\$17 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$5	\$5	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	...	\$75 sales
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of 3/- for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$43 1/2 new b.
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$1	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	60 cents for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$83 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$14 for 1908	5 %	\$30 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 120 sales
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$44 buyers
COTTON MILLS.							
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09	3 1/2 %	Tls. 134 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	...	\$62 sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.9.06	...	Tls. 75
Laon-keung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Tls. 4 for 1908	...	Tls. 105
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Tls. 50 for 1908	...	Tls. 440
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	15 % per share for 1908	...	\$10
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1.20 for 1908	10 %	\$12 1/2
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	50 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	\$6 buyers
Do. Do. special shares	50,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	80 cents for 1908	...	\$9 1/2 sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1.00 for year ending 31.7.09	8 1/2 %	\$16 1/2 sellers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	10 %	\$7 1/2 ss. and s.
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	8 %	\$12
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.09	6 %	\$20 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	10 %	\$180 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of \$1 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$22 sales
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Third of quarterly of Tls. 12 1/2 for account 1909	...	Tls. 780 buyers
Meat-Chappi (or Mijio, Bosch-on Landbouwen plaat) in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	85 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	6 %	\$13 1/2
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	3 1/2 %	\$140
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$9 1/2 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$0	\$20	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 117 1/2 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$23 1/2 buyers
South China Mering Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	7 %	\$21
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$5	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5 %	\$10 1/2 sales
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.09	6 1/2 %	\$1 1/2 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	6 1/2 %	\$7 1/2 sellers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$11	\$11	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	\$3 sellers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	Interim of 12 1/2 % for account 1909	...	14 1/2 buyers
RUBBERS.							
Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited (fully paid)	1,500,000	2 1/2	2 1/2	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	20 % interim for 1909	...	\$75 sales
Belgo-Malay Rubber Estate, Limited	20,000	\$1	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	2 1/2 for 1909	...	\$50 buyers
Castlefield Rubber Estate, Limited	30,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 sales
Damansara (Selangor) Rubber Co.	10,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Golconda Malay Rubber Co.	8,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Highland & Lowland Para Rubber Co. (fully paid)	181,454	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Kamuning (Perak) Rubber Estate & Co.	950,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
do. do. A Shares	105,000	2 1/2	2 1/2	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
do. do. B Shares	105,000	2 1/2	2 1/2	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co., Limited	180,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Linggi Plantations, Limited (ordinary)	900,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
do. do. (7% pref.)	10,000	2 1/2	2 1/2	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Ragalla Rubber Company, Limited (ordinary)	22,500	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
do. do. (5% pref.)	2,500	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Ledbury Rubber Estates, Limited	6,000	\$10	\$10	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
do. do. (contributory)	40,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Sagga Rubber Company, Limited	20,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Sandycroft Rubber Company	1,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Sekong Rubber Company, Limited	80,000	\$100	\$100	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Shelford Rubber Estate Limited	65,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Singapore & Johore Rubber Company, Limited	2,100	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Sungei Chok Rubber Estate Company, Limited	45,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers
Sungei Kapar Rubber Company	110,000	\$1	\$1	Reserve: \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	None	...	\$78 buyers

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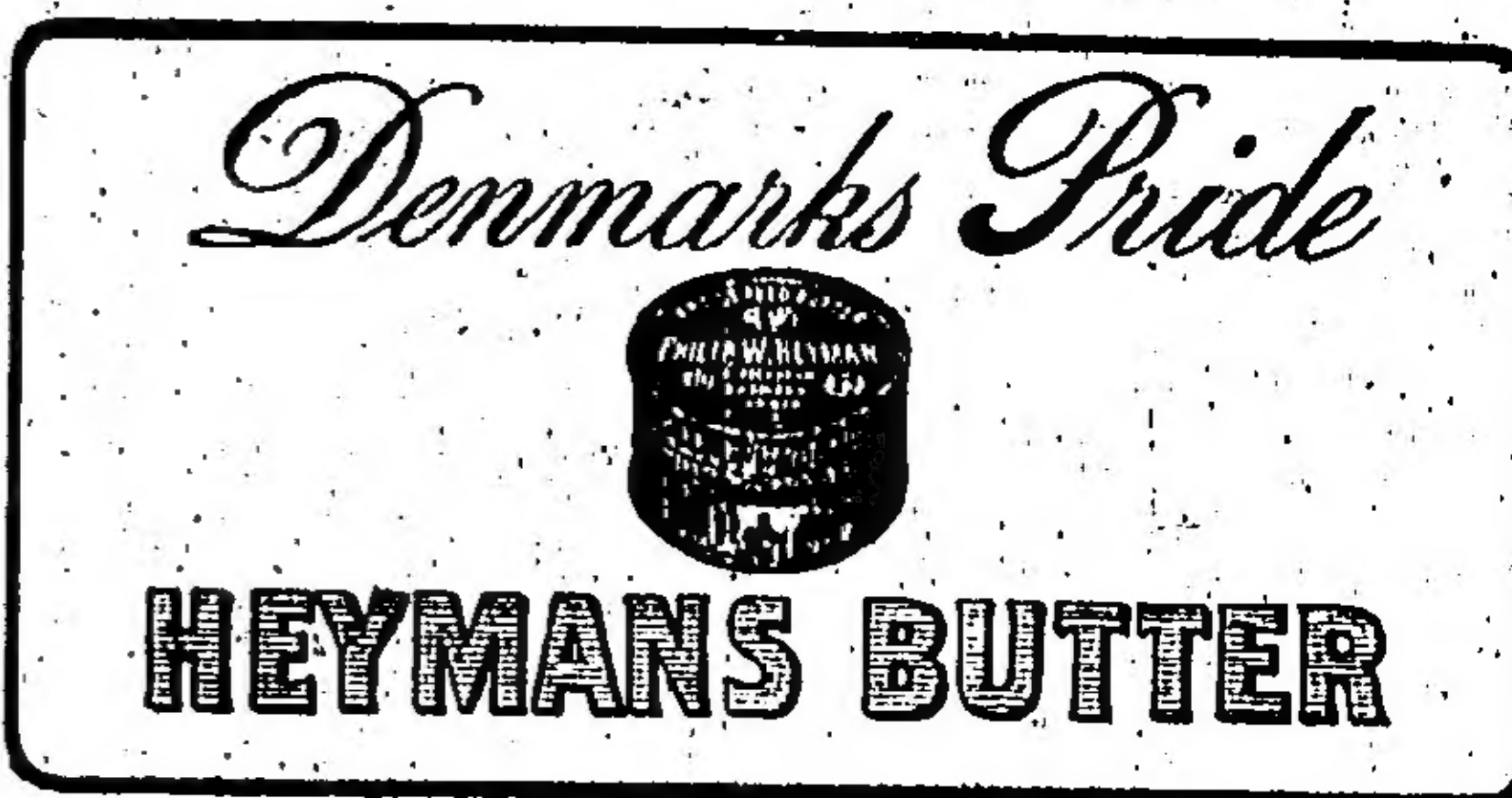
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